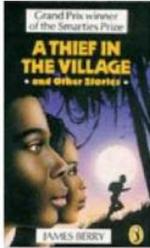


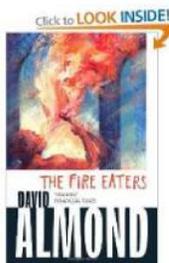
Challenging books for confident readers in Year 5 & 6

The following books have been chosen to both challenge and engage our more able readers. We hope you enjoy them!



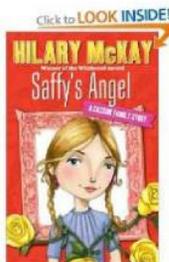
***A Thief in the Village* By James Berry**

This is a collection of short stories about children and young people in Jamaica. Full of wonderfully atmospheric background detail combined with the rhythms and patterns of speech, these contemporary narratives bring to life a culture highly relevant to multi ethnic Britain. Stories include Becky and the Wheels and Brake Boys; A Thief in the Village; Tukku Tukku and Sampson; All other Days Run into Sunday; The Mouth Organ Boys; Elias and the Mongoose; The Pet, The Sea and Little Buddy; Fanso and Granny-Flo; The Banana Tree



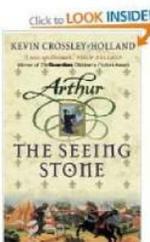
***The Fire Eaters* By David Almond**

A sensitive story of a boy's growing awareness of himself, his family and the wider world around him. David Almond is one of the most distinctive voices in British children's fiction. His stories always have a strong sense of place and time.



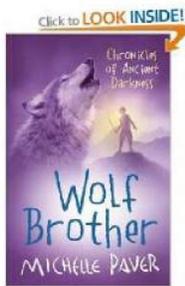
***Saffy's Angel* By Hilary McKay**

Whitbread Book Award-winning author Hilary McKay is no stranger to high praise, but for *Saffy's Angel* she really deserves the top honours. This heavenly little book tells the story of Cadmium, Saffron, Indigo and Rose--siblings who are each as colourful as their exotic names suggest.



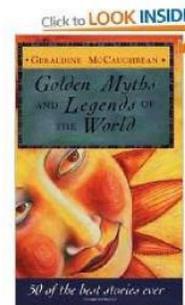
***Arthur The Seeing Stone* By Kevin Crossley Holland**

Young Arthur de Caldicott is anxious to grow up, spread his wings and become a knight. But for now he must content himself with the life he has in the bosom of his family and friends. One day one of these friends, the old and mysterious Merlin, gives Arthur a special stone, and from that moment his life becomes entwined with that of King Arthur himself...



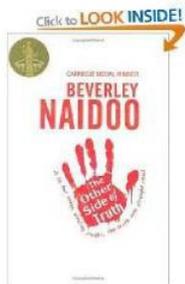
***Wolf Brother* By Michelle Paver**

First in the series Chronicles of Ancient Darkness. Following the death of his father, Torak discovers that he must embark on a quest for which he does not feel prepared, pursued by an enormous bear that killed his father. Accompanied by a wolf cub, Torak Journeys through the magical forest.



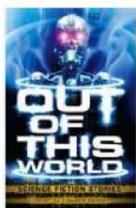
***Golden Myths and Legends of the World* By Geraldine McCaughrean**

A terrific compendium of myths and legends from all around the world. These powerful and dramatic retellings are each short enough to read aloud in one sitting. The book also contains information of the origin of each story



***The Other Side of Truth* By Beverley Naidoo**

Set during the Autumn of 1995 in the aftermath of Ken Saro-Wiwa's execution in Nigeria for alleged political crimes, Beverley Naidoo's frighteningly topical novel is a reminder about just how good children's teenage fiction can sometimes be. Tackling multiple themes--most importantly injustice, the right to freedom of speech, the complexities of political asylum, bullying and, ultimately, the strength of the family--*The Other Side of Truth* is a gripping story that undoubtedly deserves its widespread acclaim and success.



***Out of this World Science Fiction Stories* Compiled By Edward Blishen**

Travel through time, tackle alien invaders, explore distant galaxies and go beyond the possible in this incredible collection. Contributions from Arthur C. Clarke, H. G. Wells and Jules Verne introduce the finest classic science fiction writing, while contemporary authors such as Ray Bradbury and Ursula Le Guin continue in the same tradition. This stellar collection will broaden young readers' horizons

***The Wind Singer* By William Nicholson**

In the walled city of Aramant, exams are everything - not only for children, but for whole families. When Kestrel Hath dares to rebel, the Chief Examiner humiliates her father and sentences the family to the harshest punishment. Desperate to save them, Kestrel discovers that life in Aramant was once different - and if she can find the secret of the Wind Singer, maybe life can change for the better once more. So she and her twin brother, Bowman, set out on a terrifying journey - to the true source of the evil that grips Aramant...

